

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

RALPH MERCADO

Defendant(s).

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**CONSENT TO PROCEED BY VIDEO OR  
TELE CONFERENCE**

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Defendant RALPH MERCADO hereby voluntarily consents to participate in the following proceeding via   X   videoconferencing or   X   teleconferencing:

  X   Initial Appearance Before a Judicial Officer

       Arraignment (Note: If on Felony Information, Defendant Must Sign Separate Waiver of Indictment Form)

       Bail/Detention Hearing

       Conference Before a Judicial Officer

  /s/ Ralph Mercado by JCM on consent  

Defendant's Signature  
(Judge may obtain verbal consent on  
Record and Sign for Defendant)

RALPH MERCADO  
Print Defendant's Name

  /s/ **John S. Wallenstein**  

Defendant's Counsel's Signature

JOHN S. WALLENSTEIN  
Print Counsel's Name

This proceeding was conducted by reliable video or telephone conferencing technology.

2/18/2021  
Date

  *Judith C. McCarthy*    
U.S. District Judge/U.S. Magistrate Judge